

DeIDOT to review bids on initial Del. 1 work

DOVER — Richard E. Pierson Construction Inc. was the apparent low bidder on the first phase of the Del. 1 construction project between Smyrna and Townsend, according to state Department of Transportation officials.

DeIDOT will conduct a final review of the bids before awarding the contract.

New Castle County-based Pierson bid \$39,173,844 on the 4.6-mile project, outbidding 10 other firms.

Project work is to begin by late winter and is to wrap up by 2003. Besides the road work, the project involves 170 acres of wetland mitigation and construction of seven stormwater management ponds.

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■ **DELDOT ANNOUNCES DEL. 1 LOW BIDDER:** The Delaware Department of Transportation announced that Richard E. Pierson construction Inc. is the apparent low bidder for the construction of the first section of the final phase of Del. 1. The New Castle County-based company was the lowest of 11 bidders, offering a bid of \$39,173,844.35.

The project consists of a 4.6-mile segment from north of Smyrna to Townsend as part of the Del. 1 Relief Route. The project also encompasses 170 acres of wetland mitigation and seven stormwater-management ponds. Construction will begin in late winter 2000 and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2003.

Del. 1 is the largest public-works project ever implemented by the state of Delaware. When the final section is complete, Del. 1 will be a 40-plus-mile roadway from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to south of Dover Air Force Base.